

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

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Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	WILLIAM J. HIBBLER	Sitting Judge if Other than Assigned Judge	
CASE NUMBER	11 C 4454	DATE	July 18, 2011
CASE TITLE	Jamal Smith (#2009-1004093) vs. County of Cook, et al.		

DOCKET ENTRY TEXT:

The plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* [#3] is denied, without prejudice. The plaintiff is directed to submit a renewed i.f.p. petition that is certified by a trust fund officer; he must also attach copies of his prison trust fund ledgers showing his income for the six months preceding the filing of this action [that is, from December 30, 2010, through June 30, 2011]. Failure to comply within thirty days of the date of this order will result in denial of leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and summary dismissal of this case. The Clerk is directed to provide the plaintiff with a blank i.f.p. petition along with a copy of this order. The plaintiff is reminded that he must provide the court with the original plus a judge's copy of every document filed.

[For further details see text below.]

Docketing to mail notices.

STATEMENT

The plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of the Cook County Department of Corrections, has brought this *pro se* civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The plaintiff claims that the defendants, correctional officials and health care providers at the jail, violated the plaintiff's constitutional rights by acting with deliberate indifference to his medical and mental health needs, by using unjustified force against him, by subjecting him to punitive conditions of confinement, by bringing false criminal or disciplinary charges against him, and by otherwise retaliating against him and harassing him for his grievances.

The Clerk has accepted this *pro se* civil rights complaint for docketing pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(e) even though it was not submitted in compliance with the rules of this court. An incarcerated person seeking leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* must obtain a certificate from a prison official stating the amount of money the prisoner has on deposit in his or her prison or jail trust fund account. To enable the court to make the necessary assessment of an initial partial filing fee, the prisoner must also "submit a certified copy of the trust fund account statement (or institutional equivalent) for the prisoner for the 6-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint or notice of appeal, obtained from the appropriate official of each prison at which the prisoner

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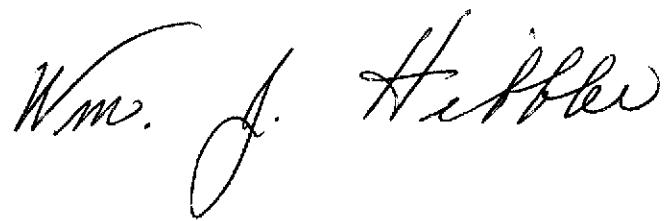
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is or was confined." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2). In the case at bar, the plaintiff's i.f.p. petition is not certified, and the plaintiff has failed to include copies of his prison trust fund ledgers.

In short, if the plaintiff wants to proceed with this lawsuit, he must submit a certified i.f.p. petition, along with copies of trust fund ledgers showing his income for the six months preceding the filing of this lawsuit [that is, from December 30, 2010, through June 30, 2011]. The Clerk will provide the plaintiff with a blank i.f.p. application. Failure to comply [or, in the alternative, to submit the statutory filing fee of \$350.00] will result in summary dismissal of this suit. *See Zaun v. Dobbin*, 628 F.2d 990 (7th Cir. 1980).

The plaintiff is reminded that he must provide the court with the original plus a judge's copy of every document filed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm. J. Heffler". The signature is cursive and fluid, with "Wm." on the left, a small dot, and "J. Heffler" on the right.